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ROW BETWEEN WAR SECRETARY AND GENERAL COMMANDING

It is Perennial, but the Breach Between the Present Incumbents of the Two Offices is Wider Than it Has Ever Been.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Since the appearance of the President-General Committee on Military Affairs when the head of the army criticized so severely Secretary Root's bill providing for the reorganization of the army and the creation of a general staff, a good deal of attention has been attracted to the Secretary of War. Of course, the fight between the commanding general of the army and the Secretary of War is as old as the two offices themselves, but there is a little more under the surface of this present disturbance than is usually the case when a row is on between the incumbents of the two offices mentioned.

Briefly speaking, the perennial, never-ending incompatibility between the commanding general of the army and the Secretary of War is due to the fact that in the nature of things they cannot, in the performance of their duties, fail to clash. The statute on the subject apparently intends to make the Secretary of War the commander-in-chief, but that therefore the general in command matters pertaining to the business part of the army and the commanding general his influence in all matters military.

The Supreme Court, however, upon this question, during the presidency of Grant, Sherman, who was then the general commanding, looked down with Secretary of War Polkman over some matter relating to their duties.

The decision of the Supreme Court was, in effect, that the action of the Secretary of War was the action of the President, since the President appoints him especially to act as his representative in all matters pertaining to the army, and that therefore the general in command was under the authority of the Secretary of War.

This decision simply placed the general in command in the most hopeless position. In time of war he takes his orders from the President, and in time of peace from the Secretary of War. All he can do is to look as pretty as possible, and do the best he can to make something out of his position. He rides at the head of all the troops, and he is the most conspicuous figure in the line, but when it comes to doing anything, there are two superiors from whom he must take orders.

It necessarily follows that in his efforts to keep up his dignity and his position the general in command frequently clashes with the Secretary of War, and it remained for Secretary Root to solve the vexatious problem by drawing a bill providing for the elimination of the office of general in command and the creation of a chief of staff in place of it. In this particular instance the bill will mean the elevation of Adjutant-General Corbin Allen, chief clerk, to the position of chief of staff, should that office be created by Congress, and this accounts in part for the strong opposition General Allen has shown to Secretary Root's measure. On the face of it it does not hurt Allen, because he is to hold his position until retirement, but it is well known that his retirement is a matter of only a short time—the President has not yet decided whether to retire him or not. It is not going before the Senate Committee and criticized the bill he would have been promptly retired anyhow as soon as the bill passed.

But in going before that committee on Military Affairs of the Senate and pointing out to its members the fact that Root's chief aim in that bill was the centralization of power in the hands of the President by the elimination of the office of the general in command, the bill, in the minds of many, the keynote of Elihu Root's policy for all time.

When Roosevelt first came to the presidency those who were conversant with public affairs at once made two prophecies concerning the Cabinet officers left as a heritage by President McKinley: first, that Roosevelt would gradually thin them out until he was surrounded by a Cabinet of his own choosing; and second, that Elihu Root would be the chief adviser of Theodore Roosevelt. So far as we have come both these predictions have come true. Two members of the Cabinet are already gone, and now, Secretary Long, has set the date for his departure.

Root has most certainly been Roosevelt's closest and most intimate confidant and counselor from the first. Next to him in proximity to Roosevelt stands

TO RECOUNT THE ENTIRE VOTE FOR OFFICE OF CITY SERGEANT

The Committee is Called to Meet To-Morrow Night.
Both Sides Have Strong Counsel.

It seems now practically settled that there will be a recount of all the ballots cast in the primary on Thursday last for the office of City Sergeant.

Acting on the application of Mr. H. Claiborne Epps, who on the face of the returns was defeated by Sergeant Smith yesterday afternoon, a call for a meeting of the committee to be held at Murphy's Hotel to-morrow night at 8 o'clock to consider the report of Mr. Epps for a recount of the alleged error in the second precinct of Marshall Ward, which, it is contended, will nominate the latter gentleman by 53 majority. But, according to those in authority, the matter is not likely to stop there. Mr. Smith will be on camp by the meeting, and will, through his counsel, Messrs. C. V. Meredith and Roscoe Nelson, ask that there be a recount of all the votes cast for himself and Mr. Epps in the entire city.

STRONG COUNSEL.
Mr. L. O. Wendenburg will represent Mr. Epps at the meeting of the committee, and it is not thought he will offer any objection to a recount of the entire vote. There have been no charges of fraud made by either candidate, but Mr. Smith and his friends contend that errors are as likely to have occurred elsewhere as at Second Marshall, and it looks as if their views will be shared by the committee.

All the members seen yesterday, without regard to their choice between the two popular candidates, expressed themselves as favorable to a recount, and agreed that the highest aim of the committee was to satisfy the committee that there had been a fair deal to all who aspired to office in the recent struggle.

APPEAR CONFIDENT.
The friends of Mr. Epps were confident yesterday that the establishment and correction of the error alleged to have occurred in Second Marshall would clear their man, and they contended that they had unquestionable evidence that there had been an error of about one hundred votes against Mr. Epps. On the other hand, the supporters of Mr. Smith do not appear to give up by any means, and they say their man will yet come out on top.

A GENEROUS ACT.
Mr. E. H. Clowes, who defeated Councilman Camp by one vote in Monroe Ward, has done the very generous thing of asking a recount. He sent the following letter to Superintendent Puller yesterday:

Richmond, Va., April 12, 1902.
Mr. Ordway Puller, Superintendent Monroe Ward, City.

Dear Sir,—In view of the close vote between myself and my friend Mr. Camp, for the Council from our ward, and in justice to the will of the people as expressed at the polls, it is my desire that you have the ballots recounted.

I feel that in a contest of this character that every precaution should be taken to prevent error in the award of the nomination, hence my request.

This extra labor upon your committee is fully appreciated, but, for the reasons stated, I hope the request will be promptly granted.

Respectfully,
E. H. CLOWES.

It should be stated that Councilman Charles R. Winston led his ticket in Lee Ward on Thursday, and not Mr. Blanks, as was previously stated. The committee promises to be of great interest to the local politicians.

CAPITOL NOTES.

Board of Agriculture to Meet Here Next Wednesday.

Governor Montague was in his office for the greater portion of yesterday, but he did little business of general interest. He made the rounds with the congressional delegation which was in the Washington to view the site for the proposed new Federal building, and did not return to his office in the afternoon.

The State Board of Agriculture will meet in annual session at the State Library Building next Wednesday at 10 o'clock. Only routine business is thought to be to be had, but the members recently appointed by Governor Montague for four years will qualify. They are present incumbents, and were recently renamed by Governor Montague.

The following new notaries public have been commissioned: J. Thomas Hewitt, Richmond; Thomas B. McCaleb, Covington; F. E. Nottingham, Norfolk; John Bustard, Danville; R. L. Lewis, Martinsville; D. C. Armstrong, Salem; M. E. Church, Falls Church; W. A. Carpenter, Union; S. T. Thomas, Sherid; W. T. Baugh, Petersburg; H. W. Van Doren, Palmyra; F. H. Hardaway, Emporia; A. H. Sands, Richmond; V. P. Holt, Hampton; Thomas C. Vaughan, Spring Valley.

The following charters have been recorded in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth: The Western Mining Company, of Wythe; the S. W. Worthington Company, Nansemond.

IT IS ALL ANXIETY.

Election Bets Will Not Be Paid Until City Committee Decides.

Very few bets which were made on the primary have as yet been paid, owing to the reasons for the delay, and the possibility that there may be some changes in the results when the final count is announced. This is generally true in the

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Smith-Epps fight for City Sergeant, and as most of the bets of the campaign hinged somewhat on this contest, some \$2,000 of the \$3,000 or \$4,000 which was bet is tied up.

Mr. Claiborne Epps figured in two ways in the betting. In the first place, there were several bets, ranging from \$50 to \$100, on the result of his fight with Mr. Smith, and in addition to this there were some \$1,000 wagered on the Epps combination—that is, for Mr. Claiborne Epps and for Mr. John E. Epps, both to win. This money is tied up, together with the straight bets on the result. Since Mr. Clowes yesterday announced his desire for a recount, bets which have been made on this fight between Mr. Clowes and Mr. Camp have been tied up.

Several hundred dollars changed hands on the vote of Captain McCarthy. Most of the betting was whether or not he would poll a vote of 2,500 or more. These bets have all been paid, his actual vote having been nearly 2,500. One man lost \$400 on this betting, his bets having been scattered over the city generally, with half a dozen others.

Now it seems, since disputes have arisen, that no further bets will be paid until after the recount. It is held to be possible that other recounts will be called for, and results may be changed in more than one instance. Stakeholders generally have been asked by both sides to keep the stakes until the committee announces the result.

TEMPERANCE QUESTION.

Petition Against the Issuing of Licenses New Depot Agent.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
LOUISA C. H., VA., April 12.—A petition is in circulation here asking the judge to refuse liquor licenses to all applicants. It has been signed by many persons and by the majority of property holders of Louisa.

The liquor men and their friends will make as hot a fight as possible, and lively times may be anticipated next week, when the case comes up.

A "Temperance Meeting" was held last Wednesday night in the Methodist Church, presided over by Rev. R. Bagby, president of the Anti-Saloon League. The speakers were Rev. Z. Parker, Rev. J. M. Beadles and Rev. L. A. Cutler.

Mr. C. D. Flanagan, a brother of ex-Senator Flanagan, of Powhatan, and Cumberland, who has been agent at Manteo, on the James River Division of the Chesapeake and Ohio, was to-day installed as agent at this place.

MISSING COUPLE HEARD FROM

Mr. B. O. Scott and Miss Edna Staples Married and Went to California.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
MEHERRIN, VA., April 12.—Mr. J. T. Staples has just received a letter from his daughter, Miss Edna, who left Manchester some days ago very mysteriously with Mr. B. O. Scott. They were married in Richmond or somewhere in Virginia, and left immediately for Los Angeles, Cal., where they are at present.

Both parties are connected with the best people of Prince Edward county, and the affair was quite a surprise to their friends and relatives here.

Mr. Scott states in his letter that he may locate there if he likes the country, but if not he will return here and settle on a farm in this vicinity. He adds also that they are well and happy.

Mr. Scott has recently disposed of his farm and interests here and realized quite a sum of money. It has been known for some time that Mr. Scott was expecting to locate in California, and provided the country suited him, and as soon as it was learned that he had disappeared it was thought by his friends that he had gone West.

COLORED MAN'S HEAVY LOSS.

Boykins Public School Medalists—Serious Blow by a Child.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
BOYKINS, VA., April 12.—George W. Artis (colored), a tenant on Mrs. Sallie A. Pope's farm, near Newsoms, had a new sack of the variety of "Chips" containing, in which was stored 200 bags of peanuts. These were nearly all destroyed. There was no insurance. The cause of the fire is not known.

At the close of the competition yesterday which has been going on between the scholars of the public school here since the beginning of the session, Ethel Hart won the medal on elocution. Sallie Camp won the medal on recitation. This young lady had not missed a school day and had failed on three words during the time. Minnie Beaton received the medal for best improvement in penmanship.

While playing with her father's yard last Thursday one of the older children of Mr. B. H. Beale, a resident of the Branchville station, struck a younger child with an axe. The wound is thought to be a serious one.

HEAVY SNOW IN MADISON.

The Confederate Monument to Be Unveiled in May.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
TWINMOUNT, VA., April 12.—Quite a pretty picture was presented Thursday morning when the sun arose, displaying the deep snow with which the Blue Ridge Mountains were covered, in contrast with the green wheatfields lying beneath them.

Farmers through this section are having a hard time of it this spring, owing to the dreadful weather of the past month. Vegetation is also greatly retarded, the pastures being almost as bare as in mid-winter.

Great fear is apprehended that the fruit crop is much injured by the recent frosts and cold.

Miss Nannie Collins, daughter of Mr. Fisher Collins, of Oak Grove, died at her home Tuesday, April 8. The internment took place at Mt. Zion Methodist Church, of which she was a member, Wednesday at 2 o'clock. Her death is an unusually early one, being the fifth of the family to be buried in fifteen months. Her mother, Mrs. Fisher Collins, was buried only two weeks ago.

An entertainment was given at Twinmount's Mill one night last week for the benefit of the Confederate monument to be erected at Madison Courthouse. The monument is to be unveiled the last week in May.

TO INVADEN TURKEY.

Macedonia Leader Has Ordered General Uprising.

(By Associated Press.)
VIENNA, April 12.—The New Free press to-day publishes a dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, announcing that a proclamation has been issued by Mr. Sarafoff, the Macedonian leader, calling upon the Macedonians in Bulgaria to join in a general rising, April 27th. Bands collecting on the Turkish frontier are to co-operate and invade Turkey at different points.

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CONFISCATE AN AMERICAN BOAT

Colombian Insurgents Kill an American Sailor and Throw the Body Overboard.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, ILL., April 12.—The Tribune's New Orleans special says: "News reached here to-night (Friday) of the confiscation of an American steam launch by Colombian insurgents at Bocas del Toro. One of the American crew was killed and his body thrown overboard. The insurgents escaped with the launch, and the United States cruiser has gone to recover it."

The steamer Taunton, of the United Fruit Company's line, reached port today from Bocas del Toro, bringing the news.

The revolutionists for a month have been planning to seize the numerous steam launches employed by the fruit shippers, load barges with troops and arms, and attempt to capture the city of Panama on April 6th. The men crept in around the plantation where the steamer was owned by Krosman, Braden & Co., an American firm, was made fast, and captured the boat.

NEST OF BEAUTIES.

An Old Fox Hunter Makes a Rare Find in New Kent.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
ROXBURY, VA., April 12.—Col. S. L. Savage, the veteran fox hunter, while out a few days ago with his pack of fine fox hounds, ran an old red fox into a hollow. After much trouble he got the dogs away; then he went back to get the fox. He found it was an old mother fox with six little ones, apparently not more than two days old.

Mr. Savage is a very tender-hearted gentleman. He would not disturb the happy family, but says if the Deep Run Hunt Club, or any one else, will write to him at Talleyville, Va., he will give the whole family for them. The fox will be fine size by the fall for good sport. Red foxes are generally scarce. He will not one where they are for fear some one would exterminate the whole family of rare beauties.

Change of Principals.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
WINCHESTER, VA., April 12.—At Chatham (Va.) dispatch, announcing that Prof. W. C. Marshall will shortly become principal of the Episcopal Female Institute, of this city, brought to light that Prof. A. Magill Smith, the present principal, will retire in June and go to his farm in Fauquier county to live. He has been principal here for twenty years, having succeeded Rev. J. C. Wiest.

Lumber Plant Burned.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
MEARION, VA., April 12.—A phone message states that the plant of the Chilhowie Lumber Company was destroyed yesterday by fire. Loss, \$40,000.

Mr. Weaver, hardware merchant, who has just received a message that his house at Dublin was burned.

RELICS OF BARBARISM.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, ILL., April 12.—The romantic ideals of seventy-five "Co-eds" in a class of anthropology at the University of Chicago, have received a rude shock at the hands of Professor Frederick Starr, who in a class lecture, bluntly declared that the wedding ring was a relic of barbarism, an absolutely useless survival of the culture of primitive people.

"Undoubtedly," said the professor, "the wedding ring is a beautiful example of barbaric tradition, living in this modern twentieth century and filling no function whatsoever. Perhaps one of you can tell me the origin of the use of the wedding ring?" He received no answer from the seventy-five young women.

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meeting and adopted a resolution as follows:

"That this meeting of representative workmen, voicing the voices and opinions of upwards of 40,000 wage-earners employed in the Eastern districts of the metropolis, regard with the strongest disfavor and reprobation the desire recently expressed by a few home manufacturers under the high-sounding title of the Imperial Tobacco Company to monopolize the great tobacco industries of this country, and to boycott such rival firms as Messrs. Ogden, of Liverpool, and others, and this conference, believing in the old English principle of fair play to all, and favor to none, calls upon the overwhelming body of working-class smokers throughout the country to support their independence and maintain the spirit of equity and free trade, and patronize all home manufacturers who employ British labor, and who thus provide work and wages for our teeming population."

The representatives here of the Imperial Tobacco Company, who have been out of the city for some days, got back to town Friday. It is reported that they have rented new offices on one of the prominent business streets of the city.

BENNINGS RACES.

Most Successful Meeting Ever Held Closed Yesterday.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—"Get away Day" to-day at Benning closed the most successful meet ever held by the local jockey club. Four favorites, Gold, Blue and Orange, Decatur, and himself, won. "Father Bill" Daly's stable had three winners. Summaries:

First race—one mile and a half, six hurdles, purse \$400—Gold (6 to 5) first, Tankard (4 to 1) second, Watermelon (12 to 13) third. Time, 2:22 1/2.
Second race—four and a half furlongs, purse \$400—Blue and Orange (8 to 5) first, Spring Brook (9 to 5) second, Squid (12 to 1) third. Time, 3:45.
Third race—steplechase, purse \$400—Cameroon (7 to 9) first, Aris (2 to 1) second, Silent P. (5 to 1) fell. Time, 4:07 1/2.
Fourth race—seven furlongs, Benning handicap, purse \$1,000—Himself (1 to 2) first, Price (13 to 5) second, Man of War (20 to 1) third. Time, 1:20.
Fifth race—seven furlongs, purse \$200—Fagus (13 to 5) first, Nuttall (7 to 1) second, Florida (20 to 1) third. Time, 1:20.
Sixth race—one mile and one hundred yards, purse \$400—Swamp (12 to 1) first, Nimrod (8 to 1) second, Rough (10 to 1) third. Time, 1:23.